Capt. LaKisha L. Hale enlisted in the United States Army Reserve as a Private First Class on Sept. 20, 2001. Her first enlisted assignment was with the 2174th Garrison Support Unit, Detachment 1, Fort Eustis, Va., serving as a Personnel Service Specialist.

Hale received a direct appointment as second lieutenant, Adjutant General's Corps on July 6, 2007. Her first commissioned officer assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 322d (Logistics Support) Regiment, Fort A. P. Hill, Va., serving as the Battalion Adjutant. During her recent years of service, Hale has been mobilized for the Global War on Terrorism since Jan. 2005. She deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 413th AG Postal Company serving as the Assistant Custodian of Postal Effects for the Afghanistan Theater of Operations. In Feb. 2008, she assumed responsibility as the Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, 322d (Logistics Support) Regiment.

Hale's awards and decorations are highlighted by the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

She is a graduate of the Adjutant General's Basic Officer Leader Course, Department of Defense Public Affairs Qualification Course, Total Army Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Training Course, Warrior Leadership Course, Postal Operations Course and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies.

Hale is a proud Ohio native and the daughter of Ms. Terry N. Hale of Columbus, Ohio. She has a civilian background in banking and human resources.